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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS OF UNDER-SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE CAMPBELL

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1. ON MAY 21 UNDER-SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE CAMPBELL HAD OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER TONEV OF MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND WITH FIRST DEPUTY MINISTER LUKANOV OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE. DURING BOTH TALKS OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANDED TRADE, EXCHANGE OF SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC INFORMATION IN THE AGRICULTURAL FIELD WERE DISCUSSED. MR. CAMPBELL INFORMED BOTH DEPUTY MINISTERS THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO EXPLORE AREAS OF POSSIBLE COOPERATION AND MUTUAL INTEREST WITH THE AIM OF COMING TO SOME FORMAL AGREEMENT IN THE FIELD OF AGRICULTURAL COOPERATION. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE FIRST STEP BE MEETINGS OF SPECIALISTS WHICH WILL DETERMINE AREAS OF INTEREST. MR. CAMPBELL WAS VERY CAREFUL TO EXPLAIN THE FIRST
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MEETINGS WOULD BE EXPLORATORY BUT FOR OUR PART WE WERE

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LOOKING FORWARD TO REACHING SOME AGREEMENT WITH
BULGARIA LIKE WE HAD WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND POLAND
(USDA/FAS/EUR OFFICER BROWN PROMISED TO PROVIDE
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE WITH THESE AGREEMENTS). HE
ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WE HAD RECEIVED FROM BULGARIAN
GOVERNMENT A DRAFT AGREEMENT WHICH CAN ALSO BE EXAMINED
BY EXPERTS IN DETERMINING AREAS OF INTEREST (TONEV
INFORMED MR. CAMPBELL THAT BASIS OF THEIR DRAFT AGREEMENT
WAS BULGARIAN-ITALIAN AND BULGARIAN-FRENCH AGREEMENTS).
AT BOTH MEETINGS MR. BROWN WAS CAREFUL TO EXPLAIN TO THE
BULGARIANS THAT OUR MAJOR INTEREST IS AGRICULTURAL
ECONOMIC INFORMATION ON WHICH WORLD COMMODITY AVAILABILITIES
CAN BE ASSESSED.

2. BOTH TONEV AND LUKANOV WELCOMED CAMPBELL'S SUGGESTION
AND AGREED THAT EXPERTS SHOULD EXAMINE INTERESTS OF BOTH
COUNTRIES AND AFTER THAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, WE CAN
LOOK FORWARD TO AN AGREEMENT IN FIELD OF AGRICULTURE. THE
BULGARIAN INTEREST, OF COURSE, IS IN ACQUIRING SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNOLOGICAL ASSISTANCE.

3. AS USUAL BULGARIANS WERE GRACIOUS HOSTS AND ATMOSPHERE
DURING MEETINGS WAS VERY CORDIAL AND FORTHCOMING.
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